

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT — REVIEW

Petition

HON SIMON O'BRIEN (South Metropolitan) [1.03 pm]: I present a petition containing 390 signatures and couched in the following terms —

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned residents of Western Australia, strongly condemn the ongoing and increasing violence, theft, and other offences committed by juvenile offenders.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to recommend a review of the Young Offenders Act 1994 and to make any other legislative reform necessary to curb youth crime in WA. We further request that the Legislative Council support an increase in the number of police officers in WA and measures to empower the WA Police and other government bodies to manage these issues in accordance to community standards and expectations.

[See paper 2742.]